

# DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL HOSPITAL

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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### NAVAL HOSPITAL TWENTYNINE PALMS INSTRUCTION 6510.1

From: Commanding Officer

Subj: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

Ref: (a) MOU with Inland Eye and Tissue Bank

(b) NAVMEDCOMINST 6300.8

(c) California Health and Safety Code, Section 7151

Encl: (1) Procedure for Tissue Procurement

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To establish the process at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms for the procurement and donation of human tissues in cooperation with the Inland Eye and Tissue Bank (IETB) via the execution of reference (a).
- 2. <u>Scope</u>. The provisions of this instruction are applicable to all individuals eligible for care at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms.
- 3. <u>Background</u>. Reference (b) establishes the requirement to facilitate and encourage, without coercion, organ and tissue donation.
- 4. <u>Definitions</u>. When used throughout this instruction, the following definitions are applicable:
- a. <u>Next of Kin</u>. Per reference (c), any of the following persons, in priority stated below, may give all or any part of the decedent's body for any purpose, as long as there is no opposition by the higher priority person. Priority is:
  - (1) Durable power of attorney for healthcare
  - (2) The spouse
  - (3) An adult son or daughter
  - (4) Either parent
  - (5) An adult brother or sister
  - (6) Grandparents
- (7) A guardian or conservator of the decedent at the time of the decedent's death

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- (8) Any other person authorized or under obligation to dispose of the body, i.e. coroner
- b. Organ. For purposes of this instruction, the term "organ" includes the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, and pancreas.
- c. <u>Tissue</u>. For purposes of this instruction, the term "tissue" includes eyes, corneas, skin, bone, bone marrow, dura, blood vessels, and fascia.
- 5. <u>Organ Procurement</u>. This command does not provide organ procurement services.
- 6. <u>Action</u>. Enclosure (1) provides detailed information regarding procedures for tissue procurement.

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# NAVAL HOSPITAL TWENTYNINE PALMS INSTRUCTION 6510.1 CHANGE TRANSMITTAL 1

From: Commanding Officer

Subj: ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To direct pen and ink changes to the basic instruction of 16 March 1998.

#### 2. Action

- a. Enclosure (1), paragraph 2, change "1-800-956-6655" to read "1-800-956-6555".
- b. Add the following phrase to the end of enclosure (1), paragraph 4: "The IETB Coordinator will not contact the next-of-kin until given the approval of the Coroner and the Casualty Assistance Call Officer."
- c. Add the following phrase to the end of enclosure (1), paragraph 7: "This document, Inland Eye and Tissue Bank Decedent Evaluation for Potential Eye and Tissue Donation, has been registered as NH 29 PALMS Form 6300/66."
- 3. <u>Filing Instructions</u>. This change transmittal will be filed immediately following the signature page of the basic instruction.

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### Procedure for Tissue Procurement

- 1. Every patient who is pronounced dead at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms is considered to be a potential tissue donor.
- 2. The Charge Nurse will contact the Inland Eye and Tissue Bank (IETB) Coordinator, available 24 hours a day, at 1-800-956-6555 to report the death for tissue donor evaluation. Call within one hour of death, if possible, and have the name and phone number of the next of kin and the chart available to answer brief medical questions. Document referral in the Nursing Note indicating date, time, receipt number and point of contact.
- 3. Notification does not constitute a commitment to the donation process.
- 4. The IETB Coordinator has the responsibility for determining the suitability of the donor, approaching the legal next-of-kin regarding the option of tissue donation, and obtaining informed consent. Consent form will be placed in the decedent's chart by IETB staff, if recovery takes place in the hospital. The IETB Coordinator will not contact the next-of-kin until given the Approval of the Corner and the Casualty Assistance Call Officer.
- a. Requests for tissue donor management, if any, will be made on a individual (per donor) basis.
- b. Copies of the donor chart may be requested by IETB staff. 5. The Officer of the Day (OOD) will notify the Coroner on all reportable deaths. The IETB Coordinator will confer, as necessary, with the Coroner's Office on all such reportable cases regarding tissue donors.
- 6. The OOD may contact the funeral home for transporting the decedent's remains <u>only after</u> the case has been released by the IETB Coordinator.
- 7. Documentation will be sent directly to medical records by the IETB which establishes eye and tissue donor suitability, as well as the outcome of offering the legal next of kin the opportunity of donation. The hospital qualifies for this document whenever a timely notification of death has been made to IETB. This document, Inland Eye and Tissue Bank Decedent Evaluation for Potential Eye and Tissue Donation, has been registered as NH 29 PALMS Form 6300/66.